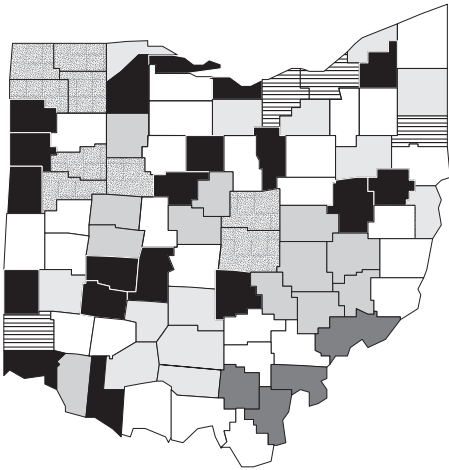


## How are Services Funded?

Funding for community mental health and alcohol and drug addiction services comes from federal, state and local sources. Federal government funding comes in two forms: (1) Medicaid, which is administered through the Department of Job and Family Services, and (2) Federal Block Grants, which are passed on to the community through the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. These state departments also allocate state General Revenue Funds to the Boards for the purchase of community services. The funds are generated primarily through the state income tax and state sales tax. Finally, Boards receive funding through local levies, although not all Boards have levies.

## Board Service Areas



Counties with stripes have separate Boards for Alcohol and Drug Addiction and Community Mental Health Services. All other Boards oversee both services, some of which are single county and others which are multi-county. For a complete listing of Boards, please visit [www.oacbha.org](http://www.oacbha.org).

## OACBHA Values

**We believe** all decisions and actions shall be guided by compassion and the needs and experiences of the people we serve and by a desire to improve their quality of life.

**We believe** the Association can envision and create a better system of care through unified action than can any individual member acting alone.

**We believe** that local communities are best able to identify their unique needs and to plan and administer services.

**We believe** that incorporating and applying the best that science and technology have to offer benefits and strengthens local service delivery systems.

**We believe** our strength is our diversity and our greatness is our unity. *(Barbara Jordan)*

**We believe** in promoting high levels of professional competency and standards.

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## Vision

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities is committed to assuring that residents of every Ohio community live healthier lives through access to quality mental health, alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment and support services.

## Mission

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities is the statewide unifying voice for quality and cost effective prevention, treatment and support services. The Association shall provide leadership and advocacy to promote public policies and initiatives that support the local administration and delivery of mental health, alcohol and other drug services.

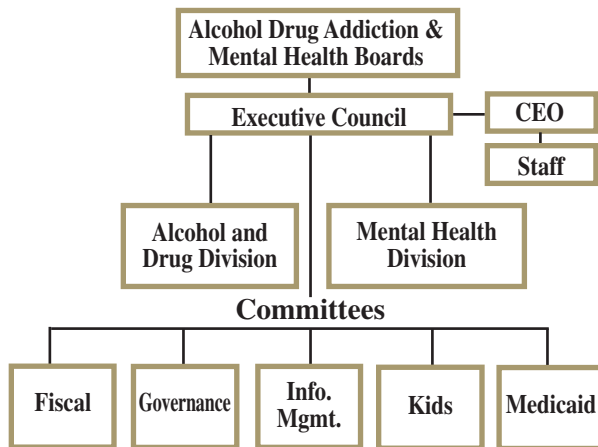
## What is OACBHA?

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) is the statewide organization that represents all of Ohio's local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Boards at the state level.

The Association works with a variety of governmental bodies including the Ohio General Assembly, the Office of the Governor, the Ohio Department of Mental Health, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and other organizations and coalitions. We seek support for initiatives that will expand and enhance mental health and substance abuse prevention, treatment and support services. Most importantly, OACBHA gives the Boards a forum to address statewide issues and provides Boards with the means to communicate their positions and concerns with a single voice.

In addition, OACBHA administers the Culture of Quality Peer Certification Program. This program, designed by the members, seeks to improve the quality, accountability and consistency of the local board system through self-regulation.

## OACBHA Organizational Structure



## What are Local Boards?

The County Mental Health Boards were created in 1967, when the General Assembly passed H.B. 648 to ensure that mental health services were available throughout Ohio. In 1988, the Mental Health Act, which expanded the roles and responsibilities of the Boards, was enacted. A year later, the legislature passed H.B. 317, the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Act, which added alcohol and drug addiction responsibilities to most Boards. Each is governed by a volunteer board of 18 local citizens who are appointed by the County Commissioners, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and/or the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

## Public Value of Local Boards

- **Assess** community needs and identify priorities.
- **Plan** for a unified system of care through partnerships with consumers, family members, providers, and the public.
- **Collaborate** with community partners including CSBs, Courts, Education, etc. to provide prevention, treatment, and support services.
- **Empower** consumers by giving them a voice in the behavioral health system and allowing them to direct their own recovery.
- **Fund** and promote local support and/or levies for community care.
- **Monitor** contract providers through program reviews and audits.
- **Evaluate** cost effectiveness, continuity of care, and quality.

## What is the Role of a Local Board?

It is the responsibility of local Boards to:

- Create and maintain a system that provides alcohol, drug and/or mental health services at the local level
- Ensure consumer involvement and input
- Determine the type of services, programs and facilities needed, based on needs assessments and community input
- Enter into contracts with public and private agencies for the provision of services
- Review, evaluate and audit the delivery of services
- Retain and promote local financial support
- Administer federal, state and local funds
- Designate treatment services for individuals involuntarily committed to the Board's care

## For What Types of Services do Boards Contract?

Local Boards contract with behavioral healthcare providers for the following services:

- Diagnostic assessment and evaluation
- Residential and intensive outpatient treatment
- Detoxification
- Counseling and psychotherapy
- Emergency and crisis intervention
- Community support programs
- Pre-hospital screening
- Psychiatric hospitalization
- Consultation and education
- Vocational and employment services
- Housing
- Medication
- Peer support
- Prevention